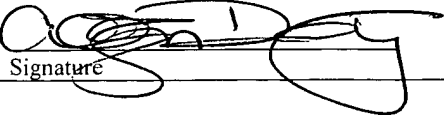


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Appl. No. : 10/051,316  
Applicant(s) : Alfred Thomas et al.  
Filed : January 18, 2002  
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A SECONDARY GAME PLAYED  
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PRIMARY GAME  
TC/A.U. : 3713  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated March 30, 2006. Please reconsider the rejection of the Claims in view of the following amendments: